
QUANAH PARKER'S CAREER.

CHIEF OF THE COMANCHES, WHOSE MOTHER WAS A
WHITE.

A PROMINENT delegation of Indians, headed by the principal chiefs of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes, have been in Washington for several days for the purpose of protesting to the Great White Father against the allotment in severalty to the Indians and the sale of the residue to the white man, of their lands in Oklahoma Territory, in accordance with an act of Congress which became a law last spring. In the delegation is one of the greatest and most widely known Indian chiefs of recent years. He is Quanah Parker, chief of the Comanches, who form the aristocracy of the reservation.

Starting out in life as the sworn and implacable enemy of the white men, he later became their fast friend and protector, and to-day stands as the arbitrator of all disputes between his people and the surrounding settlers. The influence which he exerts is remarkable, for Quanah is a half-breed—a person generally cordially despised by the Comanches, who are great sticklers for purity of blood. Quanah Parker's father, however, was their former chief, and this, together with his exceptional shrewdness, ability and commanding presence, has enabled him to overcome the odium which would have otherwise attached to him. The history of his birth and early days are both romantic and interesting.

Many years ago the Comanches, in one of their raids into Texas, captured a little white girl, whom they took with them to the reservation as a captive. The child grew to womanhood and is reputed to have possessed great beauty. By reason of her extreme youth when captured, and having been associa-